
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Food Additives and Novel Foods (Authorisations and Miscellaneous Amendments) and Food Flavourings (Removal of Authorisations) (England) Regulations 2024

PART 2

Food Additives

Amendment of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 231/2012

3.—(1) The Annex to [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No. 231/2012](#) laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation [\(EC\) No. 1333/2008](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽¹⁾ is amended as follows.

(2) In the first paragraph, for “Note: Ethylene oxide may not be used for sterilising purposes in food additives” substitute —

“Restrictions on ethylene oxide in food additives

Ethylene oxide may not be used for sterilising purposes in food additives.

Total residues of ethylene oxide (sum of ethylene oxide and 2-chloroethanol expressed as ethylene oxide (i.e., ethylene oxide + (0.55 x 2-chloroethanol))), irrespective of origin, in food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation [\(EC\) No 1333/2008](#), or mixtures of those food additives, must not exceed 0.1 mg/kg.”

(3) In the following tables headed—

- (a) “E 431 POLYOXYETHYLENE (40) STEARATE”;
- (b) “E 432 POLYOXYETHYLENE SORBITAN MONOLAUATE (POLYSORBATE 20)”;
- (c) “E 433 POLYOXYETHYLENE SORBITAN MONOOLEATE (POLYSORBATE 80)”;
- (d) “E 434 POLYOXYETHYLENE SORBITAN MONOPALMITATE (POLYSORBATE 40)”;
- (e) “E 435 POLYOXYETHYLENE SORBITAN MONOSTEARATE (POLYSORBATE 60)”;
- (f) “E 436 POLYOXYETHYLENE SORBITAN TRISTEARATE (POLYSORBATE 65)”;
- (g) “E 1209 POLYVINYL ALCOHOL-POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL-*GRAFT*-COPOLYMER”; and
- (h) “E 1521 POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL”;

omit “Ethylene oxide” and “Not more than 0,2 mg/kg”.

(1) EUR 2012/231; amended by [S.I. 2019/860](#) and [2023/334](#); there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

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(4) After the table for “E 960a” (Steviol glycosides from stevia), insert the heading and table in Schedule 1.

(5) In the heading for the table for “E 960c” (Rebaudioside M produced via enzyme modification of steviol glycosides from stevia) for “E 960c” substitute “E 960c(i)”.

(6) In alphabetical order, insert the heading and table in Schedule 2.